



City of Riverbank Local Redevelopment Authority

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EIGHT ALTERNATIVE-FUEL VEHICLES COMING TO RIVERBANK City Awarded San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Grant

(Riverbank, Calif.)—The City of Riverbank announced today that it is the recipient of a San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District grant that will bring eight electric vehicles to the city's police force and local government departments.

The eight new, alternative-fuel vehicles will expand current fleets and replace existing, less fuel-efficient vehicles in use by the City of Riverbank's Police Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Local Redevelopment Authority.

The new clean energy vehicles are being made possible through the District's Public Benefit Grants Program, New Alternative-Fuel Vehicle Purchase Component.

The vehicles will come in two models. The first, a Trikke, is a three-wheeled, scooter-like hybrid vehicle. The second, a utility truck, is an electric utility terrain vehicle ideal for the logistical needs of police/security departments.

Five of the vehicles will be granted to the Riverbank Local Redevelopment Authority (RLRA), the agency responsible for the redevelopment and reuse of the former Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant, now the Riverbank Industrial Complex.

The RLRA will designate two utility truck vehicles to the complex's facility management company for use in maintaining the 174-acre facility. Two Trikkes will be put into operation for delivery of mail and trips to City Hall. As for the fifth, a patrol vehicle, it will be utilized by security when making rounds of the site.

"The community has put a strong emphasis on initiating sustainable practices whenever possible," said Debbie Olson, Executive Director of the RLRA. "These are perfect vehicles for use on and around the Riverbank Industrial Complex. Not only do they minimize environmental effects, but they will also save thousands in fuel and maintenance costs."

The Riverbank Police Department will assign its Trikke vehicle to officers patrolling special events in the community, such as the yearly Cheese and Wine Exposition.

The Parks and Recreation Department will receive two Trikkes. One will be used by employees commuting from City Hall to the Community Center, Teen Center, and swimming pool. The second Trikke vehicle will be assigned to parks patrol for Jacob Myers Park.

The new fleet of alternative-fuel vehicles is expected to hit the streets of Riverbank within the next month.

RLRA staff found out about the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District grant at Green Team San Joaquin's annual REXPO Recycling Exposition in Stockton last year.

"This grant is yet another example of the creativity and resourcefulness of our staff," said Jill Anderson, City Manager for the City of Riverbank. "I fully anticipate the whole community to benefit as a result."

The San Joaquin Valley Air District is a public health agency whose mission is to improve the health and quality of life for all Valley residents through efficient, effective and entrepreneurial air quality-management strategies.

The Riverbank Local Redevelopment Authority is located at the Riverbank Industrial Complex, 5300 Claus Rd.

For more information about the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, visit www.valleyair.org.

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